hindrance to the acceptance of Christ is, of course, indifference to His offers. . . . . The delay caused by this initial hindrance is often prolonged by a misconception of the holiness which Christ offers. It is conceived as a Pharisaic sanctimoniousness, a condition full of restrictions, and in which the pulse of life beats slowly and feebly. . . . The mistake lies in the idea that fulness of life can be found anywhere else than in Christ.' That is a good note, were it only made practical, so that youth could understand it, and learn that manliness, courage, truth, honor, self-denial, love, appreciation of beauty and goodness, fulness of joy and peace, belong to him who lives in Christ. The sanctimonious Pharisee is a hideous sham, a perpetual stumbling-block and stone of offense to honest enquirers.

The same writer furnishes The Visions of a Prophet, being Studies in Zechariah. This is an admirable popular commentary on the prophecy, consisting of eight chapters. These treat of The First Three Visions, The Fourth Vision, The Vision of the Candlestick, The Flying Roll and The Ephah, Religious Observances, The Shepherd of Israel, National Revival, and The Consummation. In this little book Dr. Dods is essentially practical, reading the lessons of the prophecy into the business of daily life. He shows that every human being is bound to work for the regeneration of society, and that he who expects to go to heaven should already be heavenlike. The worst of it is, the good people who read books like this are, as a rule, not those who need them, and those who do need them do not read them because they are unattractive. Why does not Marcus Dods put more of general literature into his books, brighten them up, tempt careless people not to pitch them away with a pshaw? If you want to catch a good fish, it is worth while spending some time dressing your fly.

Here is Dr. James Denney, the lecturer on theology at Chicago, on Gospel Questions and Answers. His questions are seven, a sacred number, yet there were seven devils once